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WILLIAM J. LEMP TAKES OWN LIFE IN OFFICE

Hayden Named New Ardmore Police Chief

STRONG CITIZEN WILL HEAD CITY LAW ENFORCERS

Mayor and Commissioners
Name Him to Succeed
Chief of Police Dick
Hignight.

APPOINTMENT TO INTEREST OF ALL

New Head Accepts Position
—Will Be Effective on
January First.

Upon recommendation of the mayor and board of city commissioners at a special meeting held this morning, City Manager Kirk Dyer was authorized to appoint R. S. Hayden chief of police, effective January 1, and his appointment was thereupon immediately confirmed.

Mr. Hayden is one of the city pioneers, and for several years held the post of city tax assessor and collector before the system of collecting taxes was changed to its present method.

B. W. Duke, city commissioner, was the only member of the board absent at today's session, all business being transacted relative to the appointment by Mayor Hefner, with Commissioners Dink, Eddleman and Hendon present.

The appointment was made in executive session, but it was reported that a long list of applicants were on file for the position.

Committee for Hignight

A committee from the citizens representing those who had circulated a petition asking that Manager Dyer and Chief of Police Hignight be retained, consisting of Kenneth Hudson, O. C. Lasher and R. R. Sneed, were present and presented a resolution asking that the former action of the board in session December 9 be rescinded. Russell Brown, the other member of the committee, was unavoidably absent.

After the legal phase of the situation had been discussed at some length, covering the action of the mayor and the board in former action the resolution was read by Mr. Lasher, but was lost on account of failure to receive a motion.

The board then went into executive session with the above result.

During the discussion before final action.

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25-YEAR CLUB

Men Who Have Been in
Ardmore a Quarter of
a Century.

The First National Bank, one of the greatest institutions in Oklahoma, owes its success to Charles L. Anderson, more than to any other single individual, and from the day its doors were opened to the public, until the present time, Mr. Anderson's guiding genius has surmounted every difficulty that ever confronted the institution, and today it is one that inspires the utmost confidence in the business and financial world.

Mr. Anderson can truthfully be said to be one of the real pioneers of Ardmore, he was here almost as soon as the rails of the Santa Fe were laid, and in a small wooden structure near the depot, early one morning in 1899, opened the doors of the First National Bank, and announced ready for business.

That small bank has grown from its humble first estate, the magnificent institution it is today, and now occupies what is probably the finest exclusive bank building in the state of Oklahoma.

Born on a farm in the state of Mississippi he was early thought the value of toil, and his earlier years were ones of industry.

After leaving the farm he engaged in other pursuits in Texas, and finally moved to Ardmore to establish the First National Bank, when others thought the risk too great in what was reputed to be a wild and woolly country.

By strict application to business, and with a sympathy for his fellow man that inspired sympathy in others, he began to climb the ladder of success, and at no time has there ever been a moment when his name failed to inspire confidence in his fellow pioneers, who helped to lay the foundation of our present city.

During all his years of active business, Mr. Anderson has taken keen interest in all public affairs, and his counsel has always been sought when grave questions confronted the people of Ardmore.

Still in the harness today as in the pioneer days when the First National was an infant institution, Mr. Anderson greets his friends with the same cordial spirit and smile that was an inspiration to all when things looked darkest for the city and every day at his desk he may be found ready at all times to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause or individual.

Probing Outrage at Mer Rouge



Attorney General A. V. Cocco of Louisiana and his retinue now engaged in a state probe of an outrage at Mer Rouge, La., by masked and hooded men which resulted in the death of two and the brutal beating of many.

Left to right: Cocco, Assistant Attorney General S. V. Wainwright, Dr. Charles Duval, Colonel Guere, militia commander, and Dr. J. A. Langford.

EVIDENCE MOUNTS AGAINST MEN IN KIDNAPING CASE

Officer on Way to Baltimore
for Return of Former
City Official.

NEW ORLEANS.—Governor George M. Parker, Attorney General Cocco and the latter's assistants and investigators of the federal department of justice were still noncommittal today as to any details of their series of conferences yesterday and last night concerning the Morehouse kidnaping case.

Attorney General Cocco announced, however, that "the state will be prepared with an amazing collection of evidence when the open hearing begins in Bastrop, January 2."

This record, it was later asserted, already exceeds in volume that assembled in any criminal case in the history of the United States.

Adjutant General L. W. Thomas, who has recently made a tour of investigation in Morehouse Parish also held a conference with Attorney General Cocco yesterday, and announced, following his meeting, that no additional troops would be sent to Morehouse Parish for the present, nor would any of those already stationed there be withdrawn.

Inquisition Investigated

Following the morning conference yesterday, Governor Parker left for Baton Rouge, from which place he held an extended telephone conference with Mr. Cocco, but the nature of their talk was not made public.

"All of our conferences yesterday," Mr. Cocco said, "were devoted to working out the varied angles of the inquisition. The amount of testimony we are studying is almost inconceivable."

George S. Guin and T. Sam Wainwright, assistant attorney generals and St. Clair Adams, former district attorney and noted New Orleans criminal lawyer, who attended the conference yesterday, will assist in the prosecution of the case, the attorney general announced.

L. S. Calhoun, deputy sheriff of Bastrop, was scheduled to leave Baton Rouge this morning for Baltimore with a requisition for the return of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, held in the Maryland city on a charge of murder.

Bicycle Cache Is Found By Officers Under Negro Cabin

Police unearthed a regular cache of all kinds and conditions of bicycles underneath a small house occupied by negroes at 29 E street northeast, and are now looking for a youthful negro boy whom it is alleged has been mixed up in various and sundry thefts before.

In the collection brought to police headquarters were bicycles and parts of many makes requiring a good state truck to transport.

Police believe that many missing bicycles will be located when the scrap is assembled, and several mysteries of long standing cleared up.

DeMolay Meet Postponed

The special meeting of the DeMolays which was announced for Friday night at Masonic Hall for the purpose of initiation of candidates, has been postponed until January 5.

OUTSTANDING FIGURES IN KIDNAPING CASE



Thomas F. Richards, slain together with E. Watt Daniel supposedly by a body of masked men. The two bodies were recovered from Lake La Fourche, Morehouse Parish, La.



E. Watt Daniel, one of the two men whose bodies were recovered from Lake La Fourche, Morehouse Parish, La.

Dakota Secretary Asks Routing for Winnipeg Highway

W. M. Shirley, secretary of the South Dakota division of the Winnipeg to the Gulf Highway, of Watertown, South Dakota, has written to the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce for the routing of this highway through the state of Oklahoma.

This Winnipeg-Gulf Highway will traverse the line of the T-K-O Highway which was mapped through this state at the convention held here last October. The T-K-O highway will be the Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas division of the Winnipeg and Gulf and in time this name will give way to the Winnipeg to the Gulf.

The road division of the Ardmore Chamber of Commerce is sending copies of local papers concerning this highway to Chambers of Commerce in other cities from Winnipeg south through the United States, located along the 87th meridian.

PEACE MEETING THREATENED BY FAILURE PLANS

Questions of Mosul Oil Field
and Capitulation Stand in
Way of Any Further
Progress.

LAUSANNE.—The near East peace conference stood today on the verge of failure, the danger of a break facing it from several causes, chiefly the contest over the ownership of the Mosul oil fields, and the question of capitulation.

The allies are stressing the capitulation issue, taking a firm stand against the suggestion of foreigners in Turkey to the jurisdiction to the Turkish courts and insisting that special courts with foreign judges sitting in them must pass upon cases in which foreigners are involved.

The Turks are strongly resisting what they declare to be the invasion of Turkish sovereignty that would thus be brought about by their delegates insist that it is not the question of capitulations that present the gravest danger of a conference failure. The oil issue, they declare, is the real one on which the allies are prepared to make a stand.

Marquis Curzon, the British foreign secretary and head of the British delegation to the Near East peace conference, plans to leave today for Paris, where he will remain until Tuesday for the purpose of conferring with Prime Minister Bonar Law in regard to the Near Eastern situation.

Friends of McKoin Offer Assistance to Fight Charges

MONROE, La.—Friends of Dr. B. M. McKoin in the fifth congressional district of Louisiana, where a year ago he was president of a medical association, continued today to offer their assistance to the physician and former Mer Rouge mayor with pledges of financial, as well as moral support.

Although most of the proffered came from physicians, it is stated that plans are under way to raise one hundred thousand dollars as a general fund to be used to provide bail, to aid him in his fight to prevent extradition and as a means of defense, should he be brought back to Louisiana to stand trial.

Meanwhile efforts are going forward in five or six parishes at this end of the state to raise a great fund to defend not only McKoin but possibly other defendants in the event that there should be additional arrests.

CLOCK TURNS BACK FOR 'BOYS IN GRAY' AND THEY ARE BOYS AGAIN

All dignity was thrown aside, ages forgotten and the calendar turned back a number of years Thursday night when the Daughters of the Confederacy entertained the old soldiers and their wives at the Confederate Home, with their annual Christmas party.

A better Santa Claus could not have been selected than Col. Sidney Stokes, who, bedecked with the original Santa

RAILROADS MERGE UNDER ONE HEAD IN LATEST PLAN

Directors Agree Upon Uni-
fication of Five Lines to
Operate Under One
Name, Report.

SERVICE EXTENDS OVER LARGE AREA

Road Will Be Capitalized
When United at Three
Hundred Millions.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Only the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission and stockholders of the New York, Chicago, St. Louis, the Toledo, St. Louis and Western; the Lake Erie and Western; The Fort Wayne, Cincinnati and Louisville; and the Chicago and State Line railroads is necessary today for the construction of these roads into one of the largest systems east of the Mississippi river.

Unification of the railroads, all of which are operated and controlled by the O. P. and M. J. Van Sweringen interests of this city, was agreed upon by directors of the five companies here yesterday. Application to the interstate commerce commission for authority to amalgamate will be made immediately. It was said, meeting of stockholders to vote on the proposition have been called for early in March.

After construction the system will be known as the New York, Chicago and St. Louis (Nickel Plate) railroad. It will have a total mileage of 1,695, and an authorized capitalization of \$105,500,000 which equals the present authorized capital stock of the five companies.

The territory served by the roads affected extends from Buffalo through Cleveland and touches St. Louis, Chicago, Indianapolis, Peoria, Illinois; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Sandusky and Toledo, Ohio, and has connections to Detroit.

The combined assets of the road as of September 30 last totals \$208,229,700. After the construction the corporate surplus will total \$7,456,916 it was said.

IDENTIFICATION OF MAJORS MADE BY BANK TELLER

Part of Jewelry Stolen From
Trulby Is Now Positively
Claimed By Independent
Man.

EL DORADO, Kansas.—No state war bonds had been issued this morning for J. C. Majors in the Butler county jail here since Thursday afternoon on information implicating him with robbery of jewelry stores, clothing, the Nevada State Bank, and other crimes. Majors was positively identified yesterday by Frank Robinson, cashier of the Towanda bank and James Martin, a customer, as one of the bandits who escaped December 2, with \$2,100 in cash and \$100,000 in securities.

Jewelry found in the house where Majors was arrested was identified last night by L. M. Trulby, Independence Jeweler as that which was taken from his store December 13. Trulby's loss was between \$15,000 and \$20,000, he told El Dorado officials.

Majors also is wanted for the robbery of the Central Oklahoma bank. He recently escaped from a jail at Vinita, where he was being held for the robbery.

FIBLE RECEIVERSHIP WILL BE CONTINUED

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The present receivership of Houston, Fible and company, brokers will be continued until such times as the creditors and temporary receiver come into court for an order hearing, according to a decision today by Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh at a hearing in the federal court on the temporary receivership.

St. Louis Brewer Is Found With Bullet Holes Through Body

"MYSTERY STAR"

ENID, Okla.—The so-called "mystery star", which has been reported recently in news dispatches is none other than Venus, and has been visible for several million years according to astronomy students at Phillips university. The star is plainly visible this morning slightly southeast of the zenith.

THIEVES VISIT CADDO DEALER; STEAL GOODS

Henry Flynn Finds When He
Enters Store That Con-
siderable Merchandise
Is Gone.

When Henry Flynn, Caddo street merchant opened his place of business this morning, he discovered some one had preceded him, and he was loser to the amount of several hundred dollars.

Thieves gained entrance to the store through a skylight, having first mounted to the roof by means of a ladder placed against the rear of the building. They carefully removed a large pane of glass from the skylight without breaking it secured another short ladder, let themselves into the store and proceeded to loot it.

Employees at a near by garage told Mr. Flynn they heard a noise there about 10:30 last night, but as the building is close to a wagon yard there is always more or less confusion, little attention was paid it.

The merchandise missing includes shoes, coats, sweaters, leather goods, and other articles of wearing apparel but until a more thorough canvass can be made, Mr. Flynn said he would be unable to determine its approximate loss.

The matter is in the hands of the police department who are making a strenuous effort to locate the thieves and the loot, but so far without success.

Klux and Klux at Festivities Given By Muskogee Folk

MUSKOGEE, Okla.—Although they have frequently appeared in disguise while on missions to give aid to unfortunates, last night was the first time in the history of the Ku Klux Klan of Muskogee that their members appeared in public in uniform. When the curtain arose on the stage of Convention Hall, where the Salvation Army gave a Christmas celebration to a thousand men, women and children, nine women, clad in white and wearing black masks, and accompanied by 12 Klansmen in full regalia, appeared on the stage. They presented the army with boxes of fruit, candy and toys.

Sixteenth Payment of Main Paving Is Due January First

The sixteenth payment of the Main street pavement tax is now being collected by City Clerk L. M. Thurston. These payments are all due January 1 and become delinquent January 15.

When this payment has been completed, there will remain only four payments. Main street was paved by a special assessment bond, issued in 1906. It was for \$120,000 and was a 20-year bond, \$6,000 and interest to be paid each year.

So far \$90,000 has been paid out with the interests due and the remaining \$30,000 will be paid in the next payments.

STRIKING SHOPMEN MAY BE SWITCHMEN

CHICAGO.—Idle or striking railway shopmen are free to take employment as switchmen if they will apply to T. C. Cashen, president of the switchmen's union of North America, according to strike bulletin No. 16 issued by the federated shop crafts. It was learned today. Several railroads need switchmen, the bulletin stated and shopmen of experience in that line who want work were advised to apply to the switchmen's union.

LITTLE WHITE COFFIN INSTEAD SANTA CLAUS

NEW YORK.—A little white coffin, containing the body of ten year old Theresa McCarthy, stood today on the spot where her Christmas tree had been. With her heart pierced by a bullet from a 22 calibre pistol she was found dead in the Brooklyn home of her mother, Mrs. Pauline McCarthy last Tuesday.

Had Been Despondent for Long While and Death Is Not Surprise to Son; the Third of Family.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—William J. Lemp, 54, president of the William J. Lemp Brewing company, committed suicide today by shooting himself twice through the heart in the office of the brewery in the southern section of the city.

Lemp was found lying on his back a .38 calibre revolver near his right hand. A physician pronounced him dead. Lemp's father, also William J., head of the brewery during the height of its prosperity, shot and killed himself February 13, 1904, at the age of 67. His sister, Mrs. Eliza Wright committed suicide by shooting, March 10 1920. She was 57.

Vochikamp stated Lemp had been extremely nervous for the past several months. Although his face was flushed, Vochikamp said he tried to cheer him by saying "you look better," but Lemp would not be consoled, replying only "I'm feeling worse."

Vochikamp amplified that he then went to his office as Lemp's secretary. Miss Olivia Berschek arrived, believing the spell of melancholia would wear off.

Son Not Surprised

Mrs. Berschek explained Lemp dismissed her presently on pretext of an errand to the company's architect in another part of the building. She had gone only a short way, she added when she heard two shots.

Lemp's son, William Jr., 25, was notified and rushed to his father's side. He knelt and cried:

"You know I knew it. It was afraid this was coming."

He declined to explain the remark.

Held Local Interests

The William J. Lemp Brewing Company just before the advent of prohibition, was considered one of the largest brewing companies in the world. It covered a 14-acre (triangular tract in the southern section of the city and was valued at \$7,000,000. It was sold at auction last June to five different interests for a total of \$585,000. Lemp had been downcast since, it was said, as he had hoped to get a much larger price for the property.

Lemp was the third and last head of the Lemp Brewing enterprise and up to the time prohibition closed his brewery, he was interested in ice and cold storage enterprises in Joplin and Seals, Mo., Little Rock and Mena, Ark. Ardmore, Oklahoma and El Paso, Dallas and Temple, Texas.

Lake Keeper Will Have Better Home in Brick Building

Work was begun at the first of the week on the lake keeper's house which is being constructed on the east end of the dam embankment at the city lake. The house is in a grove of trees, from which position a complete view is had of the lake and the surrounding watershed.

Up to the present time the lake-keeper has made his headquarters at the old pump station. This building has been taken down and abandoned and the site will be cleared up following suggestions and orders from the state and federal inspectors of the city water supply, as contamination of the water supply was feared from the use of the old pump station as a point where so many people came daily getting permits to hunt and fish at the lake.

The building under construction is a small brick structure, made from materials taken from the old pump station.

MR. J. P. HIVICK AND WIFE RETURN TO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. HIVICK, who reside at 208 Third avenue, southwest have returned from a trip to Oklahoma County, where they were called on account of the death of Mrs. HIVICK's father, Marcus Crawford, who died December 14, at the home of his son, Albert Crawford, who resides near Oklahoma City.

Mr. Crawford was well known in Ardmore he having visited Mrs. HIVICK here at different times and having spent the past summer here. He was 76 years old and served in the Union army during the Civil war.

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